

**FREDERICKSBURG  
RECREATION COMMISSION  
Minutes of May 20, 2010**

The May meeting of the Fredericksburg Recreation Commission was held on Thursday, May 20, 2010 at the Dorothy Hart Community Center. The meeting was called to order at approximately 7:05 p.m.

Present: Commissioners Brian Baker (arrived late), Bob Carter (Acting Chairman), Tim Duffy, Ken Kroko, Barbara Miller-Richards (arrived late), and Susan Tyler. Absent: Commissioners George Foster, Charles McDaniel and George Solley. Also in attendance: Robert Antozzi and Patricia Sparks.

Dr. Antozzi introduced Zachary Rainey, the Dixon Pool Manager to the Commissioners. Mr. Rainey briefed the Commissioners on his education and 20 plus years of pool experience. The Commissioners welcomed Mr. Rainey.

- I. **Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of April 15, 2010 were unanimously approved.

II. **Public Comment:**

James Lawrence, 802 Caroline Street, complimented the personnel at the landfill. He informed the Commission that the "R" Board will start charging to dump trash at the landfill. Mr. Lawrence asked about replacing the bench in front of the Visitors Center. Commissioner Carter thanked Mr. Lawrence for his comments. Commissioner Baker requested a copy of the "R" Board minutes.

Brett Ashton Brooks just wanted to meet a different crowd of people. He met City Council earlier. He asked about classes and he was referred to the Parks and Recreation brochure.

***Commissioner Carter turned the meeting over to Commissioner Baker.***

- III. **Communications from the Director:** The Commissioners reviewed the following reports:

Financial Report/Finally Friday – April 2010  
Sports Report – April-May 2010  
Leisure Report – May-June 2010  
The Follow-up Report

- IV. **Noteworthy Dates:** The Commissioners reviewed upcoming programs and trips.

## V. Old Business:

**A. Pathways** – Dr. Antozzi reported that the Heritage Trail has cleared all permits as required. In approximately three weeks, we should have all the final documents. Dr. Antozzi reported that Wegmans approached him in reference to assisting the City in encouraging the community to use the pathway system. Wegmans is proposing placing informational posts at some point along all selected trails. Dr. Antozzi presented the Commissioners with a sample booklet from Wegmans that will have the name of each pathway on it. The book contains information on living a healthy life style. One page of the book is blank and when the walker places the page on a raised portion of the informational post, an imprint appears on the page. The walker can then bring the book to Wegmans for coupons, prizes, and special drawings. The Commissioners were very pleased with Wegmans' proposal.

Dr. Antozzi reported that Chris Kaila, Appraiser, met with Susanne Geslois, owner of the property through which the City is planning the Heritage Trail and for which the City needs an easement, to go over the survey that was necessary for the appraisal. The City will make her an offer once all the documents are completed.

**B. Cal Ripken, Sr. Foundation Partnership** – Dr. Antozzi reported that the groundbreaking ceremony would be announced soon.

**C. Riverfront Park** – Dr. Antozzi reported that the grass is high due to hydro seeding. The grass is scheduled to be cut next week. Electricity is scheduled to be turned on by Friday, May 21, 2010.

**D. Policy on Alcohol at DHCC** – Commissioner Baker reported that he spoke with a representative from the Virginia Department of Alcohol Beverage Control. Commissioner Baker was referred to *The Banquet License Application* for assistance in alcohol usage at the Dorothy Hart Community Center. The Commissioners discussed allowing renters to have alcohol at Dixon Pool. ***The Commissioners agreed to not allow alcohol at Dixon Pool.***

**E. Youth Sports Policy and Procedures** – Dr. Antozzi reported that the policy is complete with the exception of one sentence. Commissioner Baker requested that the end of the season evaluation form be included in the policy. Commissioner Baker reported that the committee met and discussed the following items: two coaches at time of registration per team, team dynasty and safety issues. The

Commissioners will receive and vote on the final copy of the policy at the June meeting.

**VI. New Business:**

**A. Nomination of Officers** – The Commissioners discussed the Chairman and Vice Chairman elections for the upcoming term. Commissioner Duffy was recommended as Chairman, and Commissioner Foster as Vice Chairman. Elections will be held at the June meeting.

**B. Dog Festival** – Dr. Antozzi was approached by the Dog Mart Organization in reference to Parks and Recreation canceling their Annual Dog Festival at Hurkamp Park. This year the Parks and Recreation Dog Festival is held on Sunday. The Dog Mart festival is held on Saturday. The Dog Mart Committee is negotiating with Parks and Recreation to merge the two festivals. Dr. Antozzi was instructed by the Commission to continue negotiating. The Commissioners agreed to consider the proposal for this year only and to again review the quality of the event next year.

Dr. Antozzi reported that the Dog Mart Committee has requested use of the grassy area that was originally off limits due to the initial foundation for grass seeding. The Dog Mart Committee has stated that they would like to use the grassy area and they would be willing to reseed or replace the sod in the grassy area whether the grass is damaged or not from the Dog Mart event. Dr. Antozzi is negotiating the terms on this effort and will keep the Commissioners informed,

**VII. Commission Concerns and Topics:**

Commissioner Carter stated that he is looking forward to his last meeting in June.

Commissioner Kroko expressed his concerns on the article in The Free-Lance Star written by Christian Miller in reference to the pool. Commissioner Kroko stated that he is concerned about her potential stability. The current staff should be aware of her situation and any danger that she may pose at the pool.

Commissioner Tyler - none

Commissioner Miller-Richards – none

Commissioner Duffy – none

Commissioner Baker complimented Jason Smith and Ray Gunnell on making themselves visible at the Soccer and Field Hockey games.

Dr. Antozzi reported that he is working with the Bicycle Friendly Commuter Group again this year. The committee consists of Chief Nye, Eric Nelson, Doug Fawcett and Jason Smith. The committee discussed issues such as pathway connectivity and safe routes to schools. The City Manager has requested that Dr. Antozzi contact Dr. David Melton, Superintendent, Fredericksburg City Schools, to discuss and encourage schools to use the pathways for walkers and bicyclists.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Approved by the Recreation Commission

  
Robert Antozzi, Director

6/29/10  
Date

Next Commission Meeting Thursday, June 17, 2010.